in the Country. The Atomic Energy (Control of Irradiation of Food) Rules, 1990, have also been framed under the Atomic Energy Act, 1962, to regulate through licensing, periodic inspection, etc., the irradiation of food articles. It is proposed to set up three pilot scale irradiation facilities which would be located in Uttar Pradesh (UP). West Bengal and Maharashtra for the irradiation of potatoes and onions.

(c) It is proposed to set up a commercial irradiator in Vashi, New Bombay, to treat 20,000 tonnes of spices annually. Arrangements are being worked out to irradiate spices and sell the irradiated products through the retail stores in Bombay of the Apna Bazar Cooperative Departmental Stores which is a unit of the Mumbi Kamgar Madhywarti Grahak Sahakari Mandal Ltd. The export market can be considered only after the irradiated products are sold in the domestic market as per the conditions imposed by some of the importing countries. A priority item is the export of irradiated spices.

Protest against the construction of Kaiga nuclear plant

1484. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kaiga Atomic Power Project has been languishing and the residents have protested for the laying of the foundation of the first tower.

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to review its stand on Kaiga Atomic Power Project in view of great resentment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Construction work on the Kaiga Power Plant which commenced in 1988, is progressing. There were some petitions against the project. The petitions have been replied to. There is no proposal with the Government for reviewing its stand on the project.

Diploma in radiation medicines

1485. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of doctors trained so far by BARC Bombay and Institute of Nuclear Medicines Delhi for Diploma in Radiation Medicine;

(b) what is the amount spent thereon by the Department of Atomic Energy;

(c) whether any conditions are imposed by Government while incurring expenditure on their studies; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and in how many cases the said conditions were flouted by the individuals and what penalty was imposed on them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) 154 Doctors have been trained so far at the Radiation Medicine Centre of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Bombay and awarded a Diploma in Radiation Medicine and 60 Doctors have been trained so far by the Institute of Nuclear Medicines and Allied Sciences, New Delhi, for Diploma in Radiation Medicine under the aegis of the Delhi University.

(b) The amount spent by the Department of Atomic Energy (BARC) towards the training programme is approximately Rs. 5.52 lakh per year.

(c) and (d) Under the terms and conditions prescribed by BARC for the training course, if a student fails to complete the course, the stipend paid for the entire 12 months period has to be refunded to the BARC. A bond to this effect is taken from each student before admission to the course. However, there has been no such instance